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STUDENTS HELD IN THEFT RING

Clears 28 Cases Here

Arrest of two 15- and two 14-year-old South High students here on burglary charges this week may clear up as many as 28 Torrance, Lomita, and Rolling Hills burglaries, Detective Sgt. Don Hamilton reported this week.

In a chain of events which started with two other Walteria juveniles bringing two guns to the station to be turned in, the detective bureau staff rounded up four of the young suspects who allegedly admitted 20 burglaries here starting last Halloween night and ending up with the theft of a gun from the home at 3112 Dalemead Ave., Monday evening.

DETECTIVES Ralph Walker and Myles Hamilton, tracking the two Walteria lads who told them they had obtained the guns by strongarm tactics at the beach, picked up two of the juveniles and by 10 p.m. less than three hours after the Walteria burglary, they had arrested two others. Sgt. Don Hamilton and Wally Nitz, off-duty at the time, were called in to assist in the investigation which turned up four guns, one radio, and other loot from area burglaries.

wallet in the car which had been abandoned a short distance away. In the wallet was a student body identification card of a South High student. He admitted the attempt to steal the Whiteman auto and three others, Sgt. Don Hamilton reported later. The fifth youth also was turned over to the city's juvenile bureau for processing.

Hull May Approve Unions

If the Torrance Board of Education approves additions to its policy covering employee organizations next Tuesday, School Superintendent J. H. Hull said yesterday that he will recommend that a newly formed employee union be granted payroll deductions. The board already has a policy offering employees freedom of choice in employee organizations. The addition to the policy would provide that such organizations will be represented by the board if they present a list of the local officers, members, and employees to the board, together with a copy of their charter or other official document.

LATE TUESDAY, Hull received a list containing 130 names of employees who have joined the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Local 1101. He also received a list of the temporary officers. The district has some 340 non-teaching employees and an additional 100 cafeteria workers. "First indications are that the group qualifies for recognition if the board chooses," Hull said. "If this is so, I will recommend that the union be allowed payroll deductions." Commenting on the union, Hull said, "Apparently the union feels that it will be able to achieve better conditions than in the past. The president of the new union, for instance, is an electrician who has differed with the district as to the need for electricians' helpers."

"THE TORRANCE schools are and will be glad to give consideration to any plans which keep its employees happy and still provide necessary services for children at a reasonable cost to taxpayers. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to give each employee just what he wants, but we always are glad to consider

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FLAG RAISING . . . A military color guard raises the colors at the new Torrance branch of the South Bay Municipal Court here Monday morning during impressive dedication ceremonies. The new building on the city's civic center was completed earlier this year and occupied about three weeks ago. Other photos of dedication on Page 12 today. (Herald Photo)



NARCOTICS FIGHT . . . Members of a delegation of 65 area residents are shown here as they prepared to leave for Sacramento Monday to appear before an Assembly committee hearing on a proposed anti-narcotics bill which has been introduced. Several Torrance city councilmen, representatives of the Elks Lodge, and the Torrance police department made the trip.

Fast Action Asked On Narcotics Bill

Assemblyman John A. O'Connell this week asked for a speedy study of the anti-narcotics legislation proposals made by members of a delegation of Torrance, Gardena and South Bay residents after a special hearing on the matter. In naming a three-man subcommittee Tuesday to dig into the problem, Assemblyman O'Connell said: "Make this a speedy study so action can be taken this session."

He named Assemblymen Nicholas "Nick" Petris, Oakland; A. Phillip Burton, San Francisco, and Bruce F. Allen, San Jose, to the special subcommittee.

O'CONNELL'S action followed a visit to Sacramento Monday of a delegation of 65 persons from the area who presented petitions which had been circulated by area Elks Lodges asking for stiff penalties for convicted dope peddlers.

The group appeared before the State Assembly Committee on Criminal Procedures,

which O'Connell heads. The committee heard more than an hour's testimony and accepted for study a bill presented by Assemblyman Clayton Dills of Gardena. The bill, AB 119, would set a five-year minimum sentence on the first conviction, and a minimum mandatory 20-year sentence on the second and following offenses. There would be no probation or parole from either sentence.

Los Angeles is one of three extremely sore spots in the nation on narcotics," Colonel White said. He said New York and Chicago shared the Los Angeles billing. The strength of the bureau is concentrated in the three areas, he said. Leaders of the delegation emphasized that they want a bill which imposes mandatory sentences.

RED CROSS NEAR RESIDENCE GOAL

Volunteer Red Cross workers who called on Torrance homes Monday in a one-day blitz came up with 54 per cent of their \$4500 quota, or \$2446, it was announced here yesterday by Stanley Remelmeyer, fund drive chairman for the city.

The Torrance collection figure beat the average, Remelmeyer said. The over-all picture in the Los Angeles chapter showed collections Monday hit only 40 per cent of the quota, he said.

Envelopes left at the door of residents who were not home are expected to bring in additional funds this week.

"PROMPT mailing of the contributions in these envelopes will help Torrance reach its goal," Remelmeyer said.

"We hope someone might be as generous as the Westchester citizen who returned to her home Monday to find she had missed the Red Cross caller and promptly mailed a check for \$200," he added. The check was received Tuesday morning.

Frederick Schnell, volunteer chairman for the entire Red Cross Fund Appeal, announced Tuesday that plans were being formulated to make next Monday, March 16, "D-Termination Day," when flying squads of volunteers would be dispatched to canvass neighborhoods that were missed this week.

He emphasized the "determination" which he said marked the Red Cross volunteers' efforts to complete their goal of \$600,000 for the residential budget by next week.

THE FIRST Torrance division to report 100 per cent of its goal was the one headed by Mrs. Conrad L. Jackson. Close behind her was Riviera Chairman Mrs. Robert W. Atha II, who reported more than \$1000 Monday night. Last year the same area raised \$800. Mrs. Kenneth Uyeda's North Torrance division reached its goal early Tuesday, Remelmeyer said.

The city chairman expressed confidence yesterday that Torrance would make 100 per cent of its residential goal when all workers had reported.

TOUGH AS RUBBER

Cuts Needs For Import

A new synthetic rubber manufactured here was described this week as being as tough and durable as the tree-grown variety by top officials of the Shell Chemical Corp. and U. S. Rubber Co.

The Torrance-made product could make the United States independent of foreign rubber in case of war, the officials said.

In a joint announcement in Los Angeles Tuesday, officials of the two companies said the synthetic rubber, known as polyisoprene, is now limited production at the Shell Chemical Corp. plant here.

U. S. Rubber Co. said it is using the synthetic in the manufacture of truck tires.

HERETOFORE, truck tires were made of natural rubber. The synthetic rubber commercially available up to now—a type known as "GR-S"—would not stand up under the heavy demands of trucks and other heavy duty vehicles.

The new polyisoprene duplicates the long-wearing and heat-resistant qualities of natural rubber, the company officials said.

Price of the synthetic can now be lowered to permit production on a competitive basis with natural rubber through a new Shell process, the officials said.

THE CURRENT price of the synthetic is 30 cents a pound, f.o.b. Torrance. Production averages about five tons a day at present, and can be stepped up to 15,000 to 20,000 tons a year as equipment is installed, according to Shell President Richard C. McCurdy. Officials said the commercial availability of the material, which was developed some years ago, is highly significant for the rubber industry and vital from a military standpoint.

At TEAC Session

Counseling for Students Told

The Torrance classroom and the teacher were described as the place and person to play the key role in guidance and counseling of local school children by Dr. Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the Torrance Unified School District, who spoke at a luncheon meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee at the YWCA at noon Monday.

"Curriculum and guidance cannot be separated," stated Dr. Hamilton, pointing out that the parent is brought into the picture early in the youngster's schooling by means of parent-teacher conferences.

Also playing a part in the overall guidance program as described by Dr. Hamilton, are the school principal, curriculum consultants, and school psychologists, who oversee a battery of tests that are given to the students periodically as a basis for determining aptitudes and planning careers.

THE TESTING program was described in detail by Robert Dollarhide, school psychologist, who said that tests administered fall into two categories—achievement and aptitude. The high schools also administer a

Gushing Hydrant Slows 101 Traffic

Police were forced to shut down traffic on busy Pacific Coast Hwy. for a short time Monday evening when a car driven by a Redondo Beach man hit a hydrant near Ocean Ave. and the highway, breaking off the hydrant.

Police said Bernard W. Sage, 21, of Redondo, reported that his brakes failed as he was driving on Ocean near the highway. Crews and police and firemen were sped to the scene to handle the traffic and water.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"How do you feel about churches raising money by means of peddling and merchandising?"

That was the question the HERALD's inquiring reporter asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their pictures and answers appear below:

JOE PORTLOCK, 1219 Greenwood Ave., typist-clerk:

"I don't feel that churches have a right to do that. One should give of his time, talents, and tithes from the heart because it makes him happy and brings him peace of mind."

DONNA STIDHAM, 20420 New Hampshire Ave., housewife:

"I believe it's all right for a church to raise money that way for a good specific cause. But if it's just done to keep their budget going, then I do not approve."

H. C. ST. MARTIN, 1400 Beach Ave., supervisor at National Supply:

"I would only condone it if it is done on the church premises and geared only at residents of the immediate area, such as rummage sales or barbecue dinners. Churches should not go out into the community at large to solicit."

JERRY DAMRON, 1452 1/2 W. 220th St., stock clerk:

"They should not make money that way. If they cannot raise sufficient funds within the congregation, then let them curtail expenses rather than resort to peddling and merchandising."

LORETTA ZETO, 2514 Fisk Lane, Redondo Beach, office worker:

"In my opinion, churches should get their money strictly by donations. I cannot see their selling things."

Director Picked for Public Works

Wade E. Peebles, 38, will be named director of public works for the city, effective April 1, it was learned yesterday.

Peebles, who has been public works director and city engineer for Inglewood for nearly seven years, will replace John Russell, who is resigning after holding the job since it was created two years